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CHAPTER 104

SENATE BILL 1248

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 32-1644, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO THE BOARD OF NURSING.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

Section 1. Section 32-1644, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

32-1644. Approval of nursing schools and nursing programs; application; maintenance of standards

A. The board shall approve all new prelicensure nursing, nurse practitioner and clinical nurse specialist programs pursuant to this section. An A POSTSECONDARY EDUCATIONAL institution or school in this state desiring THAT IS ACCREDITED BY AN ACCREDITING AGENCY RECOGNIZED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION DESIRING to conduct a professional, practical, nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist nursing program shall apply to the board for approval and submit satisfactory proof that it is prepared to meet and maintain the minimum standards prescribed by this chapter and board rules.

B. The board or its authorized agent shall conduct a survey of the institution or program applying for approval and shall submit a written report of its findings to the board. If the board determines that the program meets the requirements prescribed in its rules, it shall approve the applicant as either a professional nursing program, practical nursing program, nurse practitioner program or clinical nurse specialist program in a specialty area.

C. A nursing program approved by the board may also be accredited by a national nursing accrediting agency recognized by the board. If a prelicensure nursing program is accredited by a national nursing accrediting agency recognized by the board, the board does not have authority over it unless any of the following occurs:

1. The board receives a complaint about the program relating to patient safety.

2. The program falls below the standards prescribed by the board in its rules.

3. The program loses its accreditation by a national nursing accrediting agency recognized by the board.

4. The program allows its accreditation by a national nursing accrediting agency recognized by the board to lapse.

D. From time to time the board, through its authorized employees or representatives, may resurvey all approved programs in the state and shall file written reports of these resurveys with the board. If the board determines that an approved nursing program is not maintaining the required standards, it shall immediately give written notice to the program specifying the defects. If the defects are not corrected within a reasonable time as determined by the board, the board may take either of the following actions:

1. Approve the program but restrict the program's ability to admit new students until the program complies with board standards.

2. Remove the program from the list of approved nursing programs until the program complies with board standards.

1 E. All approved nursing programs shall maintain accurate and current
2 records showing in full the theoretical and practical courses given to each
3 student.

4 F. The board does not have regulatory authority over the following
5 approved nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist programs unless the
6 conditions prescribed in subsection C are met:

7 1. A nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist program that is
8 part of a graduate program in nursing accredited by an agency recognized by
9 the board if the program was surveyed as part of the graduate program
10 accreditation.

11 2. A nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist program that is
12 accredited by an agency recognized by the board.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR APRIL 16, 2004.

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Passed the House March 29, 20 04,

by the following vote: 56 Ayes,

0 Nays, 4 Not Voting

Jake Flake
Speaker of the House
Norman L. Moore
Chief Clerk of the House

Passed the Senate March 8, 20 04,

by the following vote: 30 Ayes,

0 Nays, 0 Not Voting

Ken Bennett
President of the Senate
Chaimin Billington
Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill was received by the Governor this

_____ day of _____, 20____,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary to the Governor

Approved this 16 day of

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at 12⁰⁰ o'clock P. M.

Jt. Nagel
Governor of Arizona

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill was received by the Secretary of State

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at 4:33 o'clock P. M.

Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS
AND FINAL PASSAGE

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by the following vote: 28 Ayes,

0 Nays, 2 Not Voting

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President of the Senate
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Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
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This Bill was received by the Governor this

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Secretary to the Governor

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Governor of Arizona

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

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Secretary of State

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